

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows housing 22 extending axially along an axis 28 between distally opposite first and second ends 30 and 32. A first port 34 is provided at first end 30 of the housing, and a second port 36 is also provided at first end 30 of the housing. One of the ports is an inlet, and the other port is an outlet. In the embodiment of Fig. 3, port 34 is the inlet receiving exhaust from engine 38 37, and port 36 is the outlet. Housing 22 has an intermediate section 38 between distally opposite ends 30 and 32. The intermediate section 38 has a cross sectional area A1 along sectional plane 2-2 transverse to axis 28. Exhaust filter element 24 is in intermediate section 38 and entirely fills the noted cross sectional area A1 except for a smaller cut-out 40 in exhaust filter element 24 of cross sectional area A2. Exhaust filter element 24 has a cross sectional area $A3 = A1 - A2$. Transfer or return tube 26 extends through cut-out 40 and communicates with port 36. Port 34 communicates with exhaust filter element 24. Exhaust flows axially as shown at arrows 42 through exhaust filter element 24 between first and second distally opposite sides 44 and 46 thereof. First side 44 faces first end 30 of the housing, and second side 46 faces second end 32 of the housing. Exhaust flows axially as shown at arrow 48 through transfer tube 26 through cut-out 40 in the opposite axial direction, i.e. in the orientation of Fig. 3, axial flow 42 is leftwardly, and axial flow 48 is rightwardly. The outer periphery of exhaust filter element 24 is sealed at insulative sealing material 50 to housing 22, and the inner periphery of filter element 24 at cut-out 40 is sealed at insulative sealing material 52 to transfer tube 26, such that all exhaust flow passes through exhaust filter element 24 without bypass.